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### Documents considered to be relevant:

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X	GB 2294793 A (HITACHI)-see abstract and page 20 line 19 to page 22 line 2	1-42
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